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## **Allan Taylor** "Notes From Paris"

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I can still hear him playing, April in Paris Dexter's blowing his horn It's a used up tune for a faded moon And played for the memory of something that's gone

Plays like a lover, who's holding a dream When he knows that the dream won't last He's going down slow, but he's scared to let go Deep down he knows, the dreaming has passed

One hit of cocaine, one hit of horse He'll take what's on offer today It's a losers refrain to come back again That thin line of snow to blow you away

He says "Buy me a vin rouge, buy me a beer As he sits in The Blue Note Cafe He's ending his days in a purple haze As pink and blue neon drag night into day

And the dancers have left the floor And the last of the late night drinkers are out of the door The old man's hung up his horn He's playing no more

It's not for the money, it's not for the fame It's for something that sings through it all When the music rings true, your soul comes through And that's what you do, 'til you hear the last chord

They say we go out, the way we came in It's how we played it that marks out the man If we can leave a trace of beauty and grace Then it wasn't for nothing, just part of the plan

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